

# **Battling Ladies of the 19th Century - Fighting Over Epicurus vs Plato - "PHILOTHEA - Or Plato Against Epicurus" - A Response to Frances Wright's "A Few Days In Athens"**

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OMG you don't know how well "taking one for the team" applies. Compared to "Philothea," "A Few Days In Athens" is an action-packed thriller written in the plain and unadorned language of a cowboy talking about the showdown at the OK Corral.

I am afraid that Philothea captures all the ooziness that I have always associated with the world of "Transcendentalism." I am afraid I don't have the temperament for it.

I bet that it would probably be possible to go through it and pull out the descriptions and statements of Philothea (the lead character) and Plato (a major character) and we would find lots of good illustrations that could be laid against comparisons from Epicurus / AFDIA. But "taking one for the team" would hardly describe the effort required.

It would probably take someone like Joshua (with his experience in Thoreau) to even have a hope of getting very far, and I suspect he would think his time would be far more valuably spent elsewhere.

I probably overstate the hurdle but I do think it would take someone with a strong interest in the project for some personal reason. There are so many other important things to tend to I can't see it being near the top of anyone's list.

We very much need time spent on the \*real\* Plato to pull out this very same comparison, so doing it in a fictional setting probably needs to wait.

But if anyone comes across this thread and wants to tackle it, the project would be very unique and probably even very productive.